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The chief purposes of the BULLETIN are: Statedly to furnish facts concerning the current life and work of Ursinus College; to promote closer fellowship between the college and its friends, and to stimulate zeal for the vital interests which it represents; to supply items of literary and religious news, with special regard to a higher christian education and the evangelizing work of the church; to afford members and friends of the college a medium for occasional contributions; and to give assuring proof of the fidelity of the institution to the principles and aims for which it was founded, and of its efficiency in their maintenance and pursuit.

Short contributions of items and articles in harmony with these purposes are solicited, not only from the Alumni, but from all the friends of Ursinus College. They can do much in this way to make it interesting and effective. *Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.*

The rule, "subscriptions cash in advance," will commend itself as a necessary one. Let all comply with it from the start. Any who may have found it inconvenient to comply with it, can do so by immediate remittance per mail. Let our friends also kindly realize the value of a wide circulation of the BULLETIN and vigorously aid in securing it. By a little special effort the circulation of the periodical could be largely increased and its usefulness correspondingly extended. The BULLETIN will be sent to friends until they request its discontinuance, and it is expected that they will pay the subscription for the year.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The most notable thing about the College now is the lack of its usual life—halls deserted, work stopped, students gone, a general collapse!

And yet it is not the silence of death, or collapse of a palsy; rather a needed rest after nearly ten months of laborious efforts, and the garnering of results from those arduous toils, a short respite preparatory to more earnest and successful toils. Work that pays as well as the past year's work has done inspires fresh courage, incites to renewed endeavors, and promises richer rewards.

Friends are again reminded that the catalogue for 1884-5 is out and ready for distribution. All who desire a copy for use in the interests of the College, will be supplied by applying to the President, or any other member of the Faculty. P. O. address: Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

We are indebted to the Philadelphia & Reading R. R., and the Perkiomen R. R., for reduced fares to those coming to the Commencement, and to many Philadelphia and Norristown daily papers, and papers in our own immediate vicinity, the *Providence Independent*, *Schwenksville Item*, *North Wales Record*, *Lansdale Reporter*, *Phoenixville Messenger*, and others, for very kind and complimentary notices of the Commencement.

In its details *Commencement week* seems to have given even more than anticipated pleasure to all who attended the successive appointments. At the Baccalaureate service on *Sunday evening* (June 21), the large audience gathered in St Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, clearly indicated the interest felt in the College and the occasion. The prayer was offered by Vice-President H. W. Super, D. D. The theme of the sermon was: "*Jesus Christ the true Head-Master of our Colleges and Schools.*" It was based on John 8 : 31-32, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The aim of the discourse was to set forth and impress the truth that the realm of true thought, as well as every other in the compass of man's life, is subject to the sovereignty of God; and that in His Word he prescribes definitely and authoritatively *not only* some *elements* of truth which, like the elemental gases of nature, or the letters of the alphabet, may be compounded and developed according to man's reason or caprice,—but the truths and doctriens to which all science and philosophy must conform, and by which every theory, and scheme of man must be scrutinized and judged. In his prophetic function, Christ as God holds the treasures of wisdom and knowledge for man, and as he dispenses both man can attain to the freedom and of perfect truth only by learning of Him that truth as He has taught it and caused it to be put on inspired record. All else is a delusive fraud and a deadly bondage for the soul.*

Monday brought with it fresh arrivals of friends from a distance and in larger numbers than usual so early in the week. During the day various preliminary matters were attended to, and in the evening the Annual Address before the Literary Societies of the College was delivered by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., of East Greenville, Pa. His theme: *The Hereafter, is it a Myth?* exhibited in a forcible and impressive manner the argument for the immortality of the soul, and its discussion engaged the interested attention of the large audience which filled the College Chapel.

After giving the morning and afternoon of *Tuesday* to the business of different Committees, the evening was very pleasantly occupied by the *Junior Prize Contest*. Its comparative novelty combined with the popular excitement common to occasions of this kind, attracted far more people than the College Hall could accommodate. The Rev. E. R. Cassaday, of Philadelphia, a member of the Class of '77, by which the Prize was instituted, presided at the Contest. After prayer by Rev. S. M. Hench, of Walkersville, Md., (also of the '77 class) the orations began in the alphabetical order of the names of the five members of the Class entered for the Prize. E. C. Hibshman, of Tiffin, Ohio; Our National Progress and Possibilities. Geo. H. Miller, of Weaversville, Pa.; Odds and Ends. D. C. Murtha, of Philadelphia; The Imagination a Moral Power. Ella B. Price, of Trappe, Pa.; Moths and the Candle. May Royer, of Trappe, Pa.; The Power of Music. The efforts were all creditable, and the delivery of the orations was warmly applauded. Under the ruling of the Judges, members of the Class of '77 present on the occasion, the first prize, \$15 in gold was awarded to E. C. Hibshman, and

*The sermon is to be published in full, for gratuitous distribution. Pastors and others desiring copies for their own perusal and for circulation, will be furnished on application to the BULLETIN by August.

the second, \$10 in gold, to Ella B. Price. Music for the evening was furnished by Houck's Orchestra.

On *Wednesday* morning the Board of Directors held their annual meeting with a full attendance. Besides the usual matters of importance claiming attention, two incidental items of special interest were introduced. One was the presentation of a life-size portrait, in a superb gilt frame, of the President of the College. It was the very generous gift of the Board, and presented in their name by Rev. Dr. Klopp of Philadelphia in apt and kindly terms, to which the recipient of the cordially appreciated honor and favor responded as well as he could under the embarrassment of an utter surprise. For the whole thing had been gotten up with such adroit secrecy that "the lad knew nothing of it." But the *other* item, which came in soon after this pleasant surprise, greatly enhanced its effect. A member of the Board said he was authorized by an anonymous friend of Ursinus College to pledge the the donation of \$5000, on or before January 1, 1886, to be devoted to certain specified purposes, on condition that the like sum would meantime be raised in cash for the same purposes. So generous an offer, and upon terms in themselves most agreeable, could not but be promptly accepted. And before two days were over about half of the additional sum needed was secured. With the \$10,000 obtained in this way it is believed that nearly \$15,000 of the remaining debt of the College can be liquidated. For all which thankful praise to the Lord "who put such a thing as this into the heart" of our generous, unnamed friend; and then hearty thanks to the friend, man or woman, who so cheerfully did the generous act, and to those who will secure the gift by responding to the terms. Even the brightness of the sun was made brighter for the balance of the week when the incident became known.

During the afternoon the Board convened for further business, and the Ursinus Union and Alumni Association held their annual meetings.

In the evening the Alumni Oration

was delivered by Rev. A. B. Markley, of Millersville Pa. He chose *Points* for his theme, and in the course of his address made a great many very pointed and happy hits, interspersed with numerous pleasantries to the unwearied entertainment of his crowded audience. Happily the temperature of the entire week was so pleasant that even crowded houses caused no discomfort.

After the Oration the Alumni and their invited guests repaired to the large dining-room of Prospect Terrace to enjoy a social re-union and the tempting refreshments with which the tables were amply supplied. Then, after various toasts and cheering talk, all went fully gratified to their homes.

Next came what constitutes, in the strict sense,

COMMENCEMENT DAY,

the fourteenth since the founding of the College. Ursinus remembers many pleasant and enthusiastic ones in the past. But this one surpassed them all in the multitude of persons attracted to it. Trinity church in which the exercises were held had often before been very full of people on similar occasions, so that not only the pews below and in the gallery, but benches in the aisles were closely occupied. On Thursday, June 25, it was packed with persons standing wherever place could be found for the feet, and then about half as many as got into the building had to go away disappointed for want of room. Evidently the College is growing in favor.

After music by the Orchestra and an earnest and fervent prayer by Rev. Dr. Klopp, of Philadelphia, the President announced Silas Lockard Messinger, of Flicksville Penn., as the Salutatorian. Having extended, in brief and appropriate words, a cordial welcome to all present, he turned to his selected subject: "Adherence to Principle is the condition of success in life." The next speaker, Oliver P. Schellhamer, of New Tripoli, Pa., delivered an oration upon: "The Beautiful in Character." James B. May, of Shenkel, Pa., then gave an Oration upon: "Atheism." He was followed by Alvin J. Kern, of Slatington, Pa., in another Oration upon the question: "Is life worth living?" Next

came the two young ladies of the Class, Mary Wiest, of Freeburg, Pa., discoursing of: "Waves," and Sallie Kulp, of Grater's Ford, Pa., upon: "Something Left Undone." They were followed by the Scientific Oration, by Titus C. Strock, of Trappe, Pa., on: "The World's Disquietude;" the Philosophic Oration by Joseph Lorenzo Murphy, of Thomasville, N. C., upon: "The Achievements of Common Sense;" and the Valedictory, by Samuel H. Phillips, of Johnsonville, Pa: on, "The Moral in the Beautiful," closing with appropriate farewell words.

As the several orations, though of course varying in excellence of style and delivery, were all meritorious, and thought worthy of warm applause by the audience, it is thought best to forego the expression of what might be an invidious comparison. A very striking peculiarity of the day's orations is noticed and utilized under our *Special Topics*.

After the Orations the awarded Degrees were conferred. That of Bachelor of Arts upon Silas L. Messinger, Joseph L. Murphy, and Samuel H. Phillips; and that of Bachelor of Science upon O. P. Schellhamer, James B. May, Alvin J. Kern, Mary Wiest, Sallie Kulp, and Titus C. Strock. The Degree of Master of Arts was conferred in course upon Prof. John M. Leisse, of Myerstown, Pa., and Augustus W. Bomberger, of Collegeville, Pa. No other Degrees were passed.

Some parting words were then given to the Class by the President, and the exercises closed with the Benediction.

A delightful feature of the day was the very fine music furnished by the Eureka Orchestra of Allentown, under the direction of E. Lehman Rube.

In the evening the President's Reception was attended by a large concourse of guests who were pleased to give the most flattering expression to their enjoyment of the occasion.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of young ladies

desiring to enter the College at *Prospect Terrace*, than which no more delightful boarding-place could be imagined. The Terrace is contiguous to the College, and directly opposite the residences of the President and Vice-President. By this arrangement the College can comfortably provide for thirty or even more young ladies. Any desiring to avail themselves of the superior educational advantages thus opened are requested to make immediate application to the President.

All who received *Orders* for R. R. Excursion Tickets to the Commencement, but did not use them, are requested, kindly, to return them immediately.

The Fall Term of the College will open on Monday, August 31, 1885.

The following members of the Board of Directors were in attendance during Commencement week:

H. W. Kratz, Esq., Trappe, Pa. F. M. Hobson, Collegeville, Pa. J. W. Sunderland, L. L. D., Collegeville, Pa. Em'l Longacre, Yerkess, Montgomery County, Pa. Rev. George Wolff, D. D., Myerstown, Pa. Hon. Lewis Royer, Norristown, Pa. Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Philadelphia. H. M. Stauffer, Pottstown, Pa. Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, Hartranft, Montgomery County, Pa. Robert Patterson, Philadelphia. Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Lebanon, Pa. Rev. Aaron Spangler, York, Pa. Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Philadelphia. Rev. D. W. Ebbert and wife, Spring City, Pa. J. A. Strassburger, Esq., Norristown, Pa. Davis Kimes, Spring City, Pa. James Brownback, Limerick Station, Pa. H. T. Spangler, Collegeville, Pa.

Of the Visiting Committee, in addition to those members who belong to the Board, there were present:

Rev. I. S. Weiss, D. D., York, Pa. Rev. Eli Keller, Zionsville, Pa. Rev. J. Sechler, Center Square, Pa. Rev. J. I. Good, Philadelphia. Rev. S. P. Mauger and wife, Phoenixville, Pa.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Association on June 24th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. A. B. Markley, A. B., '76, Millersville, Pa.

Vice-President, Rev. E. R. Cassaday, A. M., '77, Philadelphia.

Secretary and Treasurer, F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76, Norristown, Penna.

Orator, Rev. F. C. Yost, A. B., '76, Milton, Pa.

Alternate, Rev. S. M. Hench, A. B., '77, Walkersville, Md.

Historian, Prof. A. L. Landis, B. S., '83, Collegeville, Pa.

The degree of Master of Arts, in course, was conferred upon Prof. J. M. Leisse, '76, Professor of Mathematics in Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., and upon A. W. Bomberger, '82, Collegeville, Pa.

The class of '76 is making arrangements to hold a decennial reunion during Commencement week of '86.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. B. Umberger, '78, is at present sojourning in Norristown, Pa.

S. L. Hertzog, '78, is teaching at Dartrtown, Ohio.

On June 4th the Rev. Jacob G. Neff, A. M., '74, was married to Miss Lizzie H. Nyce, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Nyce, of Hamburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by President Bomberger. May happiness and long life be their portion.

Rev. H. I. Stern, a theological graduate of '75, has resigned his church in Cincinnati, O., and is going to San Diego, South California, on account of his wife's and his own health. While there he expects to supply a Presbyterian church.

SPECIAL TOPICS.

POSTSCRIPT MEMORANDA OF ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES, '85, BY THE PRESIDENT.

Dropping the line of thought I had marked out for these farewell words to you, beloved Graduates, let me yield, impromptu, to the strong impression made by your orations as I listened to them. What had not previously struck me, there was an evidently unpremeditated, and perhaps for you unconsciously close, logical and spiritual connection between the themes of your orations, and a manifest, though unplanned, graduation in the *order* of thought and argument. At the same time, also, all combined set forth in a free, fair way the religion, ethics and philosophy we have sought to inculcate in your whole College course.

First: we had *Adherence to principle as a primary essential condition of success in life. Principles*, not men; *principles* drawn from the fountain head, God in his Word, and founded on that Word as the supernatural, supremely authoritative revelation of the truth of truths, and the law of laws,—not the vain and mutable conceits of man's philosophy,—*these* supply the highest, holiest rules of the inner and outer life, of love and labor, of will and works. Only those who think, feel, will and act on *principle* are on that way which leads to sure, enduring success.

And thus alone, can a true *Character* be formed—such a character as will exhibit in most attractive features the *Beautiful* as in the noblest sense the product of the true and good. Out of the root of heavenly principles, principles planted in the heart, grows that tree of life which yields flowers more beautiful and fragrant than the lillies of Canaan, and fruit with which the grapes of Eschol are not to be compared.

Against this legitimate and desirable developement of man's true nature, however, an element of evil has been malignantly contending ever since the Fall—manifesting itself most painfully in the form of antagonism to God and godliness. By "*Atheism*," both in heart and life, mankind has been tempt-

ed to ignore and scornfully despise the holiest relations of its life, and all the clear proofs which demonstrate and illumine the healthy and benign influence of their existence.

If there be no personal God, man may well raise and ponder the question which the fourth Orator presses home : "*Is Life Worth Living?*" Without God, and all that His Being involves, it would not be. Atheism strips life of its significance, of all worthy motives, and of every inspiring hope. It turns cosmos into chaos, and every department of nature into a dark tumultuous sea. But in the light of the Gospel and by the operations of grace, life is made to open a more cheering view and one that pledges final issues which shall solve every dark riddle, and fully vindicate the love and wisdom of the Creator in making man a living soul.

It is true that as our fallen life now is, every soul must cross that overshadowed heaving sea, and buffet with "*Waves*," that often rise into high and angry billows. The impressive metaphor has more than its rhetoric or poetry to commend it. The seer of Patmos was inspired to use it. Man's fallen life involves, demands a conflict, a struggle as with the storm-tossed waves of a mighty sea. But the conflict will lead all to victory, who persevere with courage to the end.

This noble life-struggle, in its successive efforts and stages will, indeed, not be piecemeal complete. Rather each day, each conflict will be found, on review, to have still "*Left Something Undone*." No one can claim the achievement of such perfection as admits no flaw, no short-coming in heart and life. The discovery of this fact may tempt to discouragement. Instead of this it should incite to greater vigilance and to more resolute endeavors in the great mission of life.

Even "*The World's Disquietude*," will then no longer distract and hinder, but will help us on. It will teach us that this is not the rest and heritage most needed for the immortal soul :— that here and now is not the place or time for the peaceful calm required for the fullest unfolding and perfection of

the capacities and powers of the spirit ransomed and renewed by the promised Paraclete of Him who is the only rock and refuge of the eternal peace. Thus even the World's disquiet becomes a restless stream on whose bosom we may reach the haven of the heavenly rest.

By strict culture and discipline man will be educated not merely for carnal ends, not merely that learning may make him keen in the accumulation of wealth, or cunning in schemes to gratify law ambition; not merely that he may win renown as the father or founder of a philosophy deep as dead volcanoes or lofty as the last meteor that shoot across the sky. There are far better things than those to be done and won; "*achievements of Common Sense*" to be secured which will show themselves far superior in their substantial work and beneficent moral influences to all the carnal craft and wit and wisdom of the world. This genuine Common Sense, learning its lessons at the feet of the Head-master of all pure, infallible wisdom, ever heeding His voice, and living in His light, will enrich the mind with certain knowledge, quicken the heart with holy affections, guide the will with a firm, unerring hand, and rule the conscience with such inspirations of the right and good,—as, working together in the soul, shall lead it on to the final triumph, and eternal joy.

Then will the world see the purest exhibition of "*the Moral in the Beautiful*," set forth as the "*workmanship of Him*" "*who alone creates souls in Christ Jesus unto holiness here and holy felicity hereafter*." Then it will be perceived that the most attractive, and only perennial beauty is to be found not where the sculptor's hand moulds it out of marble, nor where the painter's art pencils it on the canvass, but in the life of that soul which "*beholding as in a glass the image of the Lord*, is changed into the same image, from glory unto glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord."

May the blessing of God so rest upon you and attend you in your entire future course that you may serve him and your generation by realizing in actual life this loftiest ideal of the "*Moral in the Beautiful*."

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

COLLEGIATE.

The Quarter-Centennial of the *Mission House*, Sheboygan, Wis., has called forth a historical volume of 263 pages, containing the ecclesiastical acts and resolutions, reports, and other matters, bearing on the subject. The enterprise was first fostered by the local church, then by the Classis, and now is controlled by the N. W. and Central Synods.

President Sadtler of *Muhlenberg College*, Allentown, Pa., the institution of the Lutheran Ministerium, handed his resignation to the Board of Trustees at their late annual meeting.

At *Dickinson College*, Carlisle, Pa., the Jacob Tome Scientific Building was opened during Commencement week. Its dimensions are 40x175 feet, one story and a half high, and is built of Limestone. Rev. Charles J. Little resigned the professorship of Metaphysics and Political Economy, to go to Syracuse University.

President McCosh, of *Princeton*, advises the enlargement of the College into a University, and asks for \$100,000 a year for some years to come to carry out the idea.

Rutgers, the College of the Reformed church in America, reports a deficiency of \$7,000 for the current year. To provide for the annual deficit, until the endowment of the College shall yield sufficient income to meet expenses, one hundred subscriptions have been taken, payable for five years, the amount of each not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., graduated 56 young men this year.

The Trustees of Delaware College, Wilmington, have decided "to do away with the co-education of the sexes at that institution." The resignation of the President, who introduced co-education into the College 13 years ago, was accepted.

The Commencement exercises of *Heidelberg College*, Tiffin, O., included an address before the Societies by Gen. W. H. Gibson, of Tiffin, on "What is Success?" The address before the Alumni by Rev. D. J. Mease, of Sandusky, O., "The College Curriculum in the Light of Recent Criticism," and the graduation of four young men on Wednesday evening, 17th ult. The exercises were closed with an address to the graduates by ex-Governor Foster.

The honorary degree of D. D., was conferred on Rev. A. B. Koplin, of Hellertown, Pa.

Franklin and Marshall, Lancaster, Pa., enjoyed an encouraging Commencement. Mr. Santee's gift of \$10,000 brightened the whole week. Class Day exercises were held and Dr. Abraham S. Gerhard, of Phila., delivered the Alumni Oration. Society reunions and semi-centennials were prominent features of the week. On Thursday morning 24 young men were graduated, ten of whom made addresses. The Schall observatory is on the way to completion.

The honorary degree of L. L. D., was conferred on Hon. John Cessma, of Bedford, Pa., of D. D., on Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, of Allentown, and Rev. R. Duenger, of Ashland, Pa.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Buckeystown, Frederick Co., Md., A. J. Heller, has built a Reformed church costing \$2,200, which was dedicated June 7th, Rev. Frank Hoffmeier preaching the sermon.

Diller, Jefferson Co., Neb., A. Lahman, dedicated a new church six miles north of this place. The State is in need of Reformed ministers.

Philadelphia, Christ Church, Green St., below 16th, James Crawford, celebrated its 25th anniversary June 21, Dr. Gerhart, of Lancaster, preaching in the morning.

Williamsport, Pa., St. John's church, D. H. Leader, dedicated its new house of worship June 7th, with sermons by Dr. Higbee, State Superintendent of Education, morning and evening. The building building cost \$10,700 of which \$2,000 remained unprovided for after the dedication.

MINISTERIAL.

Bossard, J., Ph. D., Professor in the Mission House at Sheboygan, Wis., died suddenly 1st ult.

Graf, J. F., removed from Wathena, Kansas to Springfield, Mo.

Gurby, G. Dickie, address changed from Hickory to Lexington, N. C.

Hittell, M. Z., of Heidelberg Seminary, takes charge of Lima, O.

Lantz, D., removed from Forreston, Ill., to White Pigeon, Mich.

Leberman, D. D., Meadville, Pa., has gone to Stockton, Col., on account of his health.

Miller, J. W., from Lancaster Seminary, accepts call to New Castle, Pa.

Ruhl, J. B., M. D., died at Frostburg, Md.

Rothrack, J. J., installed at Lansdale, Pa.

Reiter, Lewis C., from Lancaster supplies Hickory, N. C.

Rothenberg, I., from the Seminary at Tiffin, O., takes charge of Denver, Ind.

Snyder, S. N., from the same seminary, has been ordained and installed at Grace Mission, Phila. His address is 2239 North 6th st.

Schwichtenberger, H. A., address Oregon City, Oregon.

Steiner, J., address, Millerstown, Champaign County, O.

BENEVOLENT.

Mr. Charles H. Santee, a retired merchant of Philadelphia, has given Franklin and Marshall College \$10,000, the interest of which is to be used for current expenses.

Mrs. James Bosler, of Carlisle is building a Memorial Library for Dickinson College, in memory of her late husband, that is to cost \$70,000.

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
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